

**DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Memorandum

Date: July 25, 2006

From: Deputy Secretary (001)

Subj: Mandatory VA Use of NASA SEWP IV Contracts

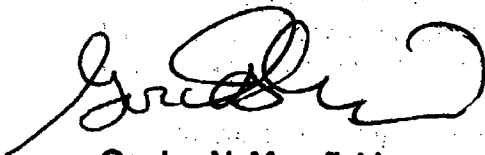
To: Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, Deputy Assistant Secretaries, and Other Key Officials

1. The VA PCHS-2 contracts have been the mandatory source for IT hardware and software for the past four years. They are now near the end of their contract life and new contracts will have to be utilized. We have determined that the best option for VA will be to use the SEWP IV contracts which NASA expects to award by October. Beginning 30 days after award, the SEWP IV contracts will be VA's mandatory source for IT hardware and software.

2. In addition, in support of Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB), VA will allocate 12% of total SEWP IV expenditures to those firms. Printers, Non-Enterprise Software, and Peripherals and Specialty Devices will be exclusively acquired from SDVOSB firms. There are expected to be at least six contract awards to SDVOSB firms so there should be adequate competition for these items.

3. In the meantime, the PCHS-2 contracts remain mandatory, although some acquisitions, particularly commodities may be directed to the present NASA SEWP III contracts.

4. Further guidance will be provided as progress is made toward the SEWP IV awards. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Howard, Supervisor, Office of Information and Technology at 202-273-8842, or have a member of your staff contact Gary Shaffer at 202-357-3923.



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